

MINUTES
Town of Clintwood
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 8, 2022

Record of Attendance

Council Members:

Danny Lambert - Mayor/Town Manager
Ronald Kendrick - Vice-Mayor
Doris Rife
Talbert Bolling
Jim Childress
Shelly Mullins

Others Present:

Susan Wood - Attorney
Judy Steele-Clerk
Chris Yates - Patrolman

Citizens:

Historical Society Members- Versie Wells, Susan Mullins, Edith Redden, Catherine Cummins
Clintwood Fire Department Members - Steven Powers, Jarrod Salyers, Robert Stanley

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silent prayer

Agenda Item - Approval of the minutes for February 8, 2022

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Childress to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Additions:

Councilman Kendrick added a donation request from th Dickenson Community Partners Coalition for the After Prom Party.

Mayor Lambert added town auditor Larry Sturgill and discussion on the opening date for the Ralph Stanley Museum.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and 2nd by Council Mullins to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Clintwood Volunteer Fire Department

Steven Mullins, fire chief, gave the council a handout on an used certified apparatus - ladder truck. The truck is seventy-five (75) feet and the pump and the aerials are

certified. There have been hydraulic, welds, and vibrations checks. Some of the checks will not have to be done for another five (5) years. Mayor Lambert asked the cost of the truck that was demonstrated at the Higher Ed Center and Steven said it was \$980,000. Steven said the truck they are looking at will carry 300 gallons of water. Councilman Kendrick asked if this truck requires a certification and Steven said it did not, but he had already contacted fire programs and if they get this apparatus then they will fund them an aerial operator class in Clintwood. Mayor Lambert asked the price of the truck and Steven said it is Sixty-Five Thousand \$65,000 and he has also sent a request to the county, so he hopes the price can be split. Councilman Bolling asked if there is any equipment that comes with the truck and Steven said that 110 feet of ladders comes with it, some hose, box lights, and flash lights. They already have some equipment to go on the truck. Councilman Mullins asked if there will be an added cost to deliver the truck or will someone have to go pickup the truck. Steven said there will be a cost to go pickup the truck. He feels like they should be able to get 10 plus years from this truck. Councilman Bolling asked what stands out to him about this truck and he said that it will fit their building, they are familiar with the chassis and how it will drive and where they can take it too. It is not just a ladder truck, but it has a pump and a tank. The truck is located about one hour from New York City and won't be available for about 30 days. Councilman Childress asked if he was asking the council for half of the purchase price and Steven said yes. Mayor Lambert said he had spoken to the county administrator, Larry Barton, and he feels positive about the funding if the town would split the cost. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Lambert asked if the council had a motion.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife for the Town of Clintwood to go in half to purchase the apparatus contingent that the Board of Supervisors does their part. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Historical Society

Susan Mullins said that the Historical Society has outgrown the house they are currently using. Jerry Gray has offered them some antiques that is at his office building. They asked if they could use the field house temporarily to store those items which Mayor Lambert agreed. During that time, they toured the field house and they would like to use both levels of the field house and move out of the house they are now in. If the council should agree, then they would like to have a long term lease so that they could possibly get a grant to do some things such as a chair lift from lower level to the upper level to make it handicap accessible. She went over several larger items that they have that they would like to display. Another thing they would like to do justice to are the military items and photos which they have in storage. Discussion was held on where some grant funding could be obtained. Councilman Bolling asked so that he understands, they would like to use downstairs from the double doors over and where

the Christmas tree is stored they do NOT want to use . Catherine Cummins said it is her understanding that you would want to keep the concession stand and Mayor Lambert said yes. It may be used in conjunction with the possibility of the splash pad going in on that end. Susan said they have liability insurance. Councilman Childress asked what were they calling a long term lease and Susan said fifty to ninety nine years. Councilman Kendrick said he wanted to make sure preserving the history of the school and football is taken care of and in doing so, you will have a lot more traffic and he mentioned having security cameras to monitor things when they can't. Susan said they don't have cameras yet, but right now they do not leave anyone in a room alone. Also, Councilman Kendrick said they if they did disband the items would be distributed, and he would like the items that are with the field house, as it is now, will be kept where it is and not removed. Susan said one of their goals is to transfer the old reels from the football games. Town attorney, Susan Wood, suggested drawing up a lease to see if it would fit both sides, but it would need to be discussed further to see what needs to be put in the lease.

Agenda item - Health Insurance Renewal

Judy Steele, town clerk, said the council has a sheet which gives the current rates and what the new rates will be effective July 1. There will be an increase of 8% for the next year beginning July 1. The annual increase will be \$22,920. The benefit package will not change in the coming year.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to renew the health insurance coverage. Discussion - Councilman Kendrick said the health insurance is one of the benefits that is offered the town employees which is the best health insurance around. He would like to see the town to continue with it because it is something we need to do for the town employees, but it is also attractive for someone that is looking to work for the town. Councilman Mullins asked how much the employees pay for their insurance and Judy said the employee does not have a co-pay, but for dual coverage they pay \$42 and for family they pay \$62 per month. Mayor Lambert says it also helps retain our employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Authorize Public Hearing to consider and establish public comment on proposed ordinance establishing and designating two district polling places for the Town of Clintwood.

Councilman Childress said that it is his understanding that the town residents will be notified where they will vote at.

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilwoman Rife to authorize the public hearing to be held on April 12, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item - Servline Insurance

Judy Steele, town clerk, said that she has submitted the application and some report information to be review before they can give a premium amount that would be charged to each residents.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Kendrick to table this until next month. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item - Donation request from Dickenson County Community Partners Coalition

Councilman Kendrick said he got this request for a donation to help with the after party prom activities which helps keep the children safe.

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilwoman Rife to give a donation of \$100 to the Dickenson County Community Partners Coalition. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item - Larry Sturgill- CPA

Judy Steele said that Tamara has started on the pre audit and Judy asked if the council wanted to continue with Larry Sturgill's office to do the audit. Mayor Lambert said Larry has always done a good job for the town and works well with the pre auditor and his fee remains what the town can work with.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Kendrick to continue to use Larry Sturgill as the town's auditor as long the fee remains within what the town can work with. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item - Ralph Stanley Museum opening date

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Bolling to open the Ralph Stanley Museum on March 21. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert said the council needs to start thinking about a part time person to work at the museum to fill in for Dora when she has activities at the Jettie Baker Center.

Reports and Comminationis:

Town Attorney - none

Town Council -

Ron Kendrick - none

Talbert Bolling - He asked about the lights at the football field and Mayor Lambert said that he has had Lester Hill to look at them, but he can't figure out what is wrong and suggested that Castle Electric look at the lights and give the town an estimate. They can troubleshoot the lights and the cost would be no more than \$600 to determine what is wrong with them. Councilman Childress asked why do you want to them fix. He feels there needs to be lighting, maybe something like dusty dawn lights instead. Councilman Bolling says they want lights just a less expensive lighting system. Councilman Mullins said maybe hold off until the project up there is done to see what lighting will be done up there for that. Mayor Lambert said he had not got back with Lester because the town would need to sign a contract with AEP to do this and that they will do all the work in the town until 2027. He has been hesitate signing the contract before discussing with the council. He said that Chris Mullins had come over today and took pictures of the lights and the bleachers and Larry Barton is going to have his IT person put on GOV.com to sell to see if the town can get some bids on them. He would like to hold off signing any contract with AEP if it is okay with town council. Councilman Bolling said he would like to move the sign at the intersection to the field house and Mayor Lambert said he has already spoken to Joby about that. Councilman Bolling express his appreciation for all the town workers because their work does not go unnoticed.

Jim Childress - All he wanted to discuss was the museum and that has already been discussed.

Doris Rife - She would like the website updated with Jim and Shelly's picture put on there and asked if the name tags had come in and Judy said they should be in any day. Also to order the council members a shirt with their names on it to wear at different functions they attend as council members. She thanked all the employees for the good jobs they do.

Shelly Mullins - Since some of the fire department members were present he wanted to express his appreciation for all that the Fire Department does because they are out day and night and it takes a lot of time out of their lives for them to do what they do.

Mayor/Town Manager - Mayor Lambert said the drain pipe project was completed on Chase Street. There have been several water leaks. The road collapsed again on Jerry's Branch and broke the water pipe. He and Allen met with VDOT to see if they will fix it like they did the last time. The inmates are cutting brush around the pump station today.

Councilman Kendrick said that Donald Smith had contacted him and the Little League is ready to have the lights turned on and Mayor Lambert said that he would take care of that.

RE: Closed Meeting

Mayor Lambert asked for a motion to go into a closed meeting for legal, personnel, and contracts.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Council Kendrick to go into a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712 (A) for the purpose of discussing Section 2.2-3711A (1) Personnel, Section 2.2-3711A (3) Contracts, and Section 2.2-3711A (8) Legal. Motion passed unanimously.

RE: Certification for Closed Meeting

Mayor Lambert asked for a motion to reconvene back into an open meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to certify that the town council to the best of their knowledge that only such business matters as lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of Virginia Law were discussed in closed session and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session was heard, discussed, or considered by the Town Council.

Mayor Lambert asked for a roll call vote on the motion.

Doris Rife	-Aye
Talbert Bolling	-Aye
Ron Kendrick	-Aye
Jim Childress	-Aye
Shelly Mullins	-Aye

Motion Carried

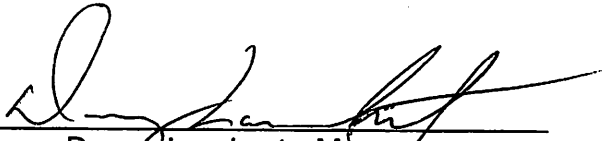
Mayor Lambert asked for any motions from the Closed Session.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins that the VCEDA funds of \$50,000 be reallocated to the Splash Pad Project from the Camp Ground Project subject to any necessary approvals from VCEDA. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to approve Mayor Lambert to sign the MOU with Dickenson County in regards to the Splash Pad if number 3 on the MOU regarding shared maintenance cost is a 50/50 split with the county. Motion passed unanimously.


Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Childress to pay the bills, the overtime, and adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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Danny Lambert - Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Steele, Clerk